

Woman dies after beating

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The partially clothed, badly beaten body of a woman was found outside an East Oakland motel yesterday morning.

The woman, Linda Marks, 36, died from her injuries at San Leandro Memorial Hospital at 8:32 a.m., about 45 minutes after police found her.

She was lying in a walkway alongside a motel in the 9200 block of MacArthur Boulevard.

Sgt. Greg Hughes said Marks had been visiting a friend at the motel but left about 9:30 p.m. Sunday to go home.

Hughes said it appears the woman was sexually assaulted.

The killing was Oakland's third homicide of the year. Last year at this time there were 12 homicides.